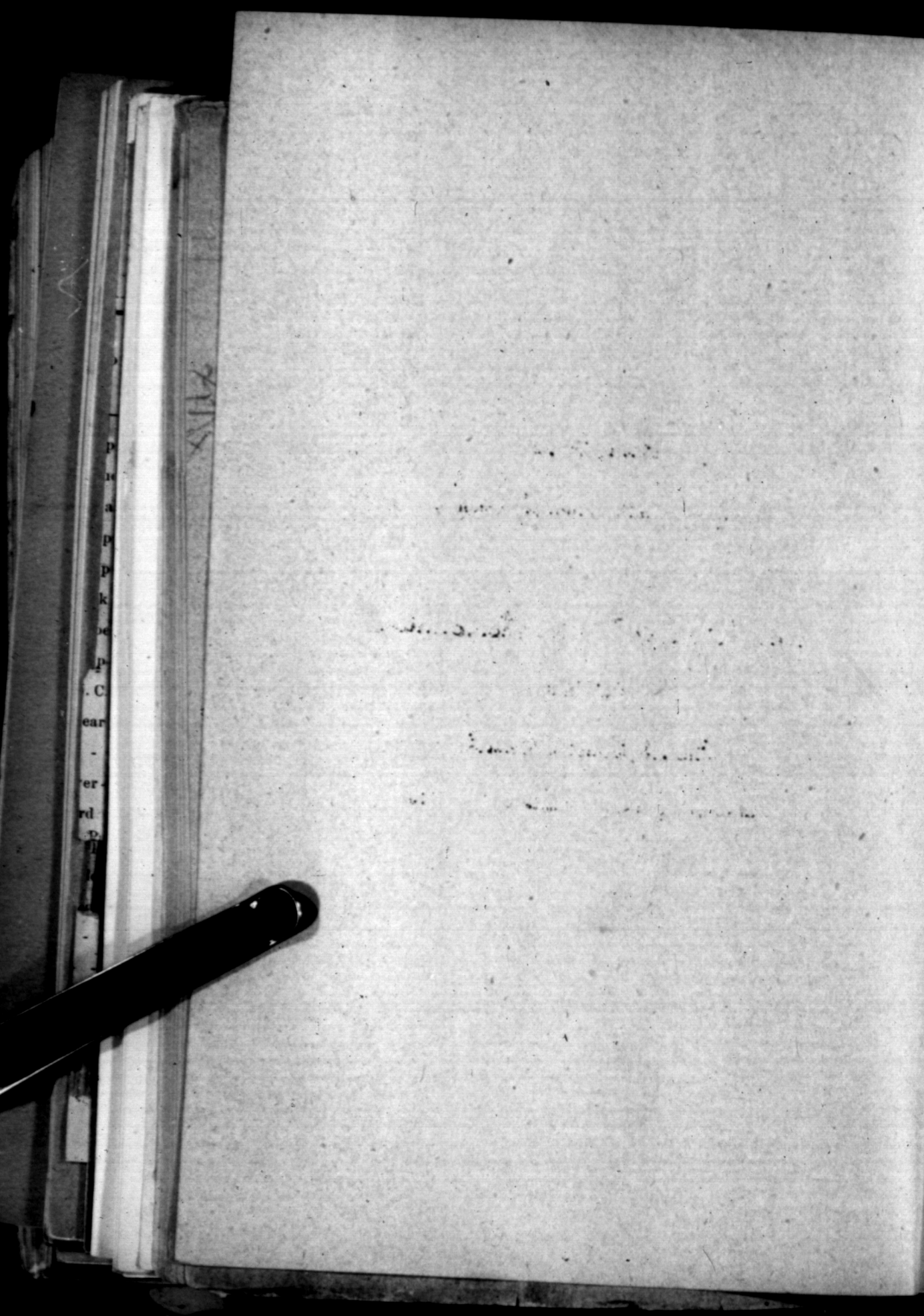


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BRYAN SIMMONS, Moderator, Columbia, Miss.
C. E. BASS, Clerk, Carley, Miss.
E. R. APPLEWHITE, Treasurer, Columbia, Miss.

NEXT SESSION.

PLACE—Oloh, 16 Miles East of Columbia.

TIME—Saturday Before the Second Sunday in September 1906.

PREACHER—Bryan Simmons.

ALTERNATE—T. D. Cox.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH,
September 9th, 1905.

THE Pearl River Baptist Association met with the Antioch Baptist Church, Marion County, Miss., in her Eighty-Sixth Annual Session, September 9, 1905, 10 A. M.

The Moderator being absent, the Clerk called the Association to order. Bro. Bryan Simmons led the devotional exercise, reading Acts 26 and giving an interesting comment. J. E. Byrd led in prayer. After song the exercise closed with prayer by Bryan Simmons.

Rev. Bryan Simmons was then called to the chair. Brethren T. D. Cox and J. J. Justice were appointed reading clerks, and W. J. Stovall, E. R. Applewhite and J. A. Davis, Finance Committee.

The letters from the churches were read, the rules were suspended and the following officers were elected by acclamation: Bryan Simmons, Moderator; C. E. Bass, Clerk; E. R. Applewhite, Treasurer.

Enrollment of Delegates.

ANTIOCH—R. H. Johnson and J. T. Graham.

BISMARCK—W. C. Price and J. E. Price.

CEDAR GROVE—Ben Barnes, J. E. Fortenberry, E. R. Applewhite and W. T. Willoughby.

CANEY—Wm. Cameron and W. L. Sausier.

COLUMBIA—B. Simmons, W. A. Murray, W. J. Stovall and W. C. Mobley.

CHINA GROVE—A. S. Forbes and T. D. Cox.
 HOLLY SPRINGS—B. J. Morgan.
 LITTLE RIVER—J. A. Cook and M. E. Polk.
 MAGEE'S CREEK—J. A. Davis, J. M. Davis, G. B.
 Richmond, and H. D. Ellzey.
 NEW HOPE—W. W. Magee, Walter Pittman and A. H.
 Powell.
 OLOH—J. J. Justice and J. I. Lott.
 PRINE SPRINGS—C. E. Bass and Pearson Bessonett.
 PROVIDENCE—C. F. Carney and J. A. Andrews.
 SHILOH—E. H. Williamson, H. T. Pittman and H. P.
 Nichols.

Correspondence.

A. F. Davis from Bogue Chitto Association.
 J. E. Byrd, Sunday School Missionary.
 C. E. Bass was elected delegate to the Southern
 Baptist Convention with T. D. Cox as alternate. The
 Association requested the churches to send \$2.50 each
 to E. R. Applewhite at Columbia, Miss., to pay expenses
 of said delegate.

The following were appointed:
 Baptist State Convention Bryan Simmons, C. E. Bass
 and J. E. Price.

Lebanon Association—Bryan Simmons.
 Pearl Leaf Association—T. D. Cox.
 Bogue Chitto Association—J. A. Davis and C. F. Carney.
 Lawrence County Association—T. D. Cox, C. E. Bass,
 W. T. Willoughby and Geo. Robertson.

Committees were appointed as follows:
 Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Antioch
 Church.

Sunday School—J. J. Justice, Pearson Bessonett and
 Ira Lott.

Pastoral Support—Geo. Robertson, E. H. Williamson,
 and M. E. Polk.

Temperance—A. F. Davis, Ben Barnes and W. A. Murray.

Ministerial Education—C. E. Bass, W. T. Willoughby and W. C. Price.

Missions—T. D. Cox, J. E. Price and A. H. Powell.

Nominations—G. M. Price, H. T. Pittman and Noah Stringer.

Publications—T. D. Cox, E. R. Applewhite and H. P. Nichols.

Obituaries—J. A. Davis and J. M. Dunaway.

Orphanage—J. J. Justice.

Mississippi College—C. E. Bass.

Adjourned for Associational Sermon by C. E. Bass.

Text—Matt. 6:8

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song and prayer, the Association began the consideration of reports.

Sunday Schools.

The report on Sunday School was read by J. J. Justice. J. E. Byrd spoke to the report, stressing the importance of having a Sunday School in every church and the regular attendance of same by every church member. The report was adopted as follows:

The Sunday School is the church teaching the Word of God, and should include every church member, because all should know more of God's Word. The reason every church does not have a school and the reason a majority of members do not attend is because they do not really know what a Sunday School is. For this the pastor is largely responsible.

2nd.—The Sunday School is to train for service. Now to enlist and train we heartily recommend the

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Ira Lott,
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Devotional Exercises.

The report on Devotional Exercises was adopted.

Sunday School mass meeting 10 a. m. Sunday to be
conducted by Bro. T. D. Cox.

At 11 a. m. Bro. A. F. Davis to preach at Baptist
Church and Bro. J. J. Justice at M. E. Church.

Afternoon, Bro. Bryan Simmons to preach at Bap-
tist Church and Bro. C. E. Bass at M. E. Church.

T. D. Cox,
T. J. Graham,
N. B. Graham,
R. H. Johnson.

Pastoral Support.

After a discussion by M. E. Polk, Bryan Simmons,
J. E. Byrd, A. F. Davis and J. J. Justice, the report on
Pastoral Support was adopted.

There is doubtless more neglect of Christian duty
along this line than in any other church work. We are
told that they that preach the gospel shall live of the
gospel and that the laborer is worthy of his hire. We
believe that there is a large per cent of the membership
of the churches that have never been made to realize
that they have a duty to perform to their pastor, but
they seem to think that there is no responsibility rest-
ing upon them in this direction, and all that they do is
at their own option. We believe that it is as much the
duty of the christian to contribute to the support of the

pastor as it is to pay any other honest debt. We believe also that each member of our churches should be taught and be made to fully understand their duty to their pastor.

Each member virtually agrees when he or she unites with the church to contribute to the support of the ministry according to his or her ability; and if any one, who is not a pauper, willfully refuses to help in this work, we believe that such a member should be considered out of order and disciplined accordingly. We believe that the pastor should not only have the temporal, but also the spiritual and social support of the churches. We can help the pastor greatly by entering heartily into sympathy with him in his work, spiritually and socially. Respectfully submitted,

M. E. Polk,
E. H. Williamson,
Geo. Robertson.

Adjourned to meet 9 a. m. Monday.

SUNDAY.

At 10 a. m. the people assembled in a Sunday School mass meeting. After the reading of the Scriptural text for the day by Bro. T. D. Cox and prayer by Bro. Bullock, the hour was given up to Bro. J. E. Byrd who gave an impressive address on Bible Authority for the Sunday School and how to Teach a Sunday School Lesson. A few moments intermission was given after which the people assembled at the Baptist Church to hear Bro. A. F. Davis preach, and at the M. E. Church to hear Bro. J. J. Justice.

A cash collection was taken at these services for the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., amounting to \$14.41.

In the afternoon Rev. Bryan Simmons preached at the Baptist Church.

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THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercise led by Bro. T. D. Cox, the Association took up again the consideration and adoption of reports.

Temperance.

Temperance was discussed by A. F. Davis, W. A. Murray, T. D. Cox, M. E. Polk, Bryan Simmons and J. J. Justice.

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:

First. We believe in absolute prohibition of the dramshop and do not believe that Baptists or any other Christians have the right to make any compromise with such an infamous business or to give up the fight against it until every community has outlawed the liquor trade.

Second. We believe that the great needs of every community are the vigorous enforcement of the law to prohibit the disgraceful jug trade that is so prevalent in many places in our land.

Third. We need more temperance teaching in our homes, and more temperance discipline in our churches.

Let every private citizen stand by the officers who are inclined to enforce the law and vigorously push up those who are slack concerning this matter.

A. F. Davis,
W. A. Murray,
W. B. Barnes.

Missions.

Missions was discussed by T. D. Cox, A. F. Davis and Bryan Simmons, and adopted.

We, your committee on Missions would report:

First. That the command to evangelize the world was given to christians. Matt. 28:19-20 were among the last words of our Savior before his ascension and was not given to the eleven apostles, merely, but to above 500 brethren 1 Cor. 15:6. Now we always hold sacred the last words of departing friends, hence these words should be kept very sacred to our memory as the will of our ascending Lord, and obey them in his love and fear who gives us a part in this his glorious work.

Second. Some things necessary to the execution of this command.

1. Ability to obey:

Our Savior asked that those to whom he gave this "Great Commission" abide at Jerusalem until they should receive the power of the Spirit. They did so, received power, became witnesses, and have continued, in a measure, to testify for Christ from that day until this through their successors God gave them the ability and has not withheld it from us.

2. Willingness to obey:

"My people shall be a willing people," saith the Lord, and when we are disobedient to this Heavenly Vision we are sinning against God. To do a thing against one's will is not really doing it. A lack of willingness to obey God is a sin in his sight; and when we find ourselves opposed to this great doctrine, we dishonor God and may expect to be beaten with many stripes.

3. An opportunity to obey.

God is the commander. The field is the world. God has commanded, has given the field, and he expects us to take it for him. The way is open. The needs are great. Will we occupy till he comes?

T. D. Cox,
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The Association adjourned an hour for refreshments. Prayer by J. J. Justice.

After song and prayer, the Moderator called for other reports

Nominations.

The report on Nominations was adopted as follows:
Your committee on Nominations recommend that this Association convene in her next annual session with Oloh Baptist Church, Lamar County, 16 miles east of Columbia, 10 a. m. Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1906, and that Bro. Bryan Simmons preach the Introductory Sermon and Bro. T. D. Cox be alternate.

We also recommend that the Moderator appoint a chairman for each report to be submitted next session.

G. M. Price,
H. T. Pittman.

The following were appointed:
Sunday Schools—C. E. Bass.
Pastoral Support—Geo. Robertson.
Temperance—T. D. Cox.
Ministerial Education—W. J. Stovall.
Missions—Bryan Simmons.
Publications—C. E. Bass.
Obituaries—E. R. Applewhite.
Orphanage—M. E. Polk.
Mississippi College—T. D. Cox.

Woman's Work.

A report on Woman's Work, read by Bro. J. J. Justice and discussed by Bro. Bryan Simmons, was adopted with instructions to clerk to send blanks to the

churches for the report of Societies at our next session.

There is no method of enlisting workers in Christ's Army better than example, therefore let us be zealous, faithful and devoted in our work. We would recommend to each church and pastor the organization of a W. M. U. The wonderful possibilities which have slumbered so long in the lives of our women can only be reached by the hearty co-operation of our pastors. It may be true that no pastor opposes this W. M. U. work yet so few find the proper time and place to lay stress on the work. Among the disciples of Christ we find none more sacrificing than the women of prophetic, apostolic, and even modern days—the widow who gave her last cake to the Prophet, Mary who anointed the Christ, and Lydia who lodged the Apostles while they taught and preached.

The Womans' Missiary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention gave last year for Foreign Missions, \$53,678.00; for Home Missions, 30,698.00; for Sunday School work, \$417.00; in boxes to Missionaries, \$43,105.00. The Children's Mission Bands contributed \$7,000.00. Total, 138,000.00. In the past seven years the W. M. U. has contributed \$1,133,537.00.

Under many disadvantages, some opposing by hard cutting words, and many others by their silence, yet through it all God has delivered us and made it possible for us to report as follows: Oloh, \$68.35; Holly Springs, \$59.20; Little River, \$37.10; Caney, \$33.85; Antioch, \$5.50; Enon, \$58.23. These figures would not seem so small if you only knew how few the workers. Dear sisters toil on until our Father calls us home and then we will rest.

Mrs. J. J. Justice, V. P.

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Baptist Orphanage.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was discussed by J. J. Justice, T. D. Cox, B. Simmons, M. E. Polk and W. C. Mobley and adopted.

Our Baptist Orphanage, located at Jackson, under the wise management of Rev. J. R. Carter and his motherly wife, has 105 children in the home at present. Rev. Carter is not responsible for the support of these children, but the Baptists of Mississippi are responsible for their support. We especially commend you for the splendid work already done. We believe that it is the duty of each pastor to lay this important work upon the hearts of his people and that regular offerings be made to feed and clothe these dear little children who have been less fortunate than we. God bless the children and their many friends and helpers.

J. J. Justice.

Resolved. That we take a collection for the Orphanage at our regular meeting in November.

Ministerial Education.

The report on Ministerial Education was discussed by C. E. Bass and T. D. Cox and adopted.

Education is the proper cultivation and development of body, mind and heart. It seems a bit strange, in this day of enlightenment that the Pearl River Association would appoint a committee to report on this subject. We can see but one purpose in it and that is that we may stress the importance of contributing to its support.

The minister should be the most highly educated person in the community:

1. Because he must deal with every class of people—the wise, the simple, the rich, the poor, the good, the bad and the intelligent. He ought to know a little of everything and everybody. He ought to know a great

deal about the Bible as well as of the Bible. He should be all things to all men that by all means he might save some.

2. Because he needs a trained mind that he may think systematically and express himself impressively.

3. Because he must deal with the physical, mental and spiritual man. He must deal with the physical man because Satan presents a great many of his temptations to man through appetite and the lusts of the body. He must persuade men to control their bodies. To do this he must know something of a man's physical nature. He must know something of the minds of men that he may be able to appeal to him by reason. He must have a good idea of the spiritual man that he may discern the intents and purposes of the heart and know the fruits of the spirit from the fruits of the flesh.

We ought to help to educate Ministers, because 1. God usually calls poor men to preach the Gospel. 2. It puts them into active service quicker. 3. It encourages him to give his whole time to the ministry from the beginning. So many have to teach or do some other work to make money to continue in school. The Baptist State Convention has a Board of Ministerial Education to see to the distribution of funds which may be contributed by the churches for the assistance of poor worthy Ministerial students in Mississippi College. Rev. Geo. Whitfield, Clinton, Miss., is secretary. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary receives aid for ministers while in school at Louisville, Ky. We therefore recommend that the churches make contributions for this purpose.

W. C. Price,

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Mississippi College.

The report on Mississippi College was discussed by C. E. Bass and T. D. Cox and adopted.

Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., W. T. Lowery, President, is our school for the education of our boys and young men. The location is good, the expenses reasonable and the influence superb. Good advantages in almost every way. Electric lights and water works were added last year. 376 students were taken care of last session. We want that number again. The opening of this session has been postponed till Oct. 4th, on account of the presence of yellow fever in the state.

The institution has an endowment of \$100,000., the income of which is used to defray general expenses. There is not enough of this fund to make the much needed improvements. The family of Capt. Z. D. Jennings, deceased, of Water Valley, Miss., have given \$20,000. for the erection of a Memorial building for Mississippi College and a move is on foot to raise \$100,000 more. The General Education Board, of New York City, agree to give \$25,000. for the erection of a science building at the college on condition that other friends of the college give \$75,000. for other buildings.

Let the churches invest their boys and money in this great institution of learning.

H. T. Pittman,
C. E. Bass.

Publications.

The report on Publications was discussed by T. D. Cox and B. Simmons and adopted.

Perhaps never before in the history of our country was there a time when more was written than is written to-day. Men and women, boys and girls are giving ex-

pression to their thoughts in various books and periodicals which are circulating over our entire country. Some of these are good, some not, and as this is true, and since the mind grows and develops on what it feeds, it is very necessary that we be careful what we read ourselves and what we advise others to read.

As to periodicals we desire to mention our own state paper, Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, the Southern Baptist Convention Series of S. S. Literature and Our Boys and Girls especially for the children. We earnestly ask the fathers and mothers in the Pearl River Association to place in the hands of their children good literature in the form of books etc., that they may have elements of true character enstilled in their hearts and minds.

T. D. Cox,

E. R. Applewhite,

H. P. Nichols.

Obituaries.

The report on Obituaries was adopted.

We your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report that during this Associational year 21 of our members have gone to their reward. God bless their remaining relatives and may their work follow them.

J. A. Davis

J. M. Dunnaway.

Finance Committee.

The report of Finance Committee was approved as follows:

We have examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct.

W. J. Stovall,

J. A. Davis.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was adopted as follows:

I have received from the Pearl River Association, for Missions, \$122.15; for Associational Purposes, \$41.10; for Orphanage, \$14.41. I have on hand from last year \$2.25 and from year before last \$1.95.

E. R. Applewhite.

On motion the clerk was instructed to superintend the printing of the minutes, to draw on the Treasurer to pay expenses, and to be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

On motion this Association return thanks to this church and community for their generous hospitality.

The Association adjourned to meet with Oloh Baptist Church, Saturday before 2nd Lord's day in Sept. 1906. We sang "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" and closed with prayer by Bro. A. F. Davis.

B. SIMMONS, Moderator.

C. E. BASS, Clerk.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of his sin to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be everlasting.

On Gospel Order.

1. We believe a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another, in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body of the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith; to submit to the ordinances of the gospel, and themselves as members to the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of This Association.

1. This Association acknowledges that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs, and therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches, to inquire into any difficulties between churches, and remove them, if possible, to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they deem it practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church or individual member to support them, or not support them, according to their own views of duty, and the dictates of their own conscience; and this right shall never be called in question in this Association, and any motion whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

5. Ministers of the gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person, or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and elect annually a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such manner as they may think expedient.

Rules.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled "The Pearl River Baptist Association."

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present. Said Moderator and Clerk shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, till a new election takes place; and while in office shall discharge the duties of Moderator appertaining to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter, and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates, and no more until her number shall reach one hundred, and one delegate for every additional fifty members thereafter, until she may have four delegates and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be to merely explain the meanings of the articles of faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made, in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member and shall be considered by the Association unless withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition, or motion, under debate, contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate; cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but appeals from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition or motion, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken, and in case of a tie the motion is lost.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over whenever it is thought necessary.

20. Minutes shall be read carefully and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to embrace the previous reading and adoption of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

23. Immediately after the organization of the Association the rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration, or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS	SCHOLARS	EXPENSES	CONTRIBUTIONS	SUPERIN- TENDENTS
Antioch	7	68	5 00	10 55	J. T. Graham
Bismark	5	35	3 15		G. M. Price
Cedar Grove					
Caney	8	71	8 00		G. F. Thompson
Columbia	14	125		50 00	N. Drummond
China Grove	7	50	5 00	5 00	W. W. Andrews
Holly Springs	7	59	3 30		W. B. Russell
Little River	3	22			M. E. Polk
Magee's Creek	6		4 00		J. D. Thornhill
New Hope					
Oloh	4	50	1 50		S. Baggett
Prine Springs					
Providence	5	70			H. C. Boyd
Shiloh	5				E. L. Williamson

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STATISTICAL TABLES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	No. Minutes						
Antioch	T. D. Cox, Columbia, Mississippi	W. D. Holmes, Buford, Miss.	16	11	1	2	5	1	93
Bismark	J. R. G. Reeves, McComb City, Miss.	J. E. Price, Darbun, Miss.	15	12	1	1	3	1	92
Cedar Grove	B. Simmons, Columbia, Miss.	W. T. Willoughby, Columbia, Miss.	35	16	4	1	1	5	156
Caney	W. K. Red, Hattiesburg, Miss.	W. L. Saucier, Baxterville, Miss.	25	8	3	9	7	4	108
Columbia	B. Simmons, Columbia, Miss.	Lyman Smith, Columbia, Miss.	35	5	28			12	1215
China Grove	T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss.	P. C. Stringer, China Grove, Miss.	12	11	11	2	2	2	22
Holly Springs	T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss.	R. W. Hammonds, Columbia, Miss.	25	2	3	2	1	3	51
Little River		S. A. Ward, Edna, Miss.	15	1	1				140
Magee's Creek	A. F. Davis, Tylertown, Miss.	J. D. Thornhill, Nome, Miss.	25	6	8			3	1140
New Hope	T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss.	W. Pittman, Pittman, Miss.	13					1	1165
Olch	J. J. Justice, Columbia, Miss.	Geo. Loft, Olch, Miss.	20	8	8			3	147
Prine Springs	J. O. Buckley, Hooker, Miss.	J. C. Ryals, Goss, Miss.	15	1	1	13		3	81
Providence	J. L. Price, Norfield, Miss.	J. A. Andrews, Verna, Miss.	40	45	2	13	8	4	354
Shiloh	C. E. Bass, Carley, Miss.	R. A. Turnage, Buford, Miss.	20	1	6	1	1	6	84

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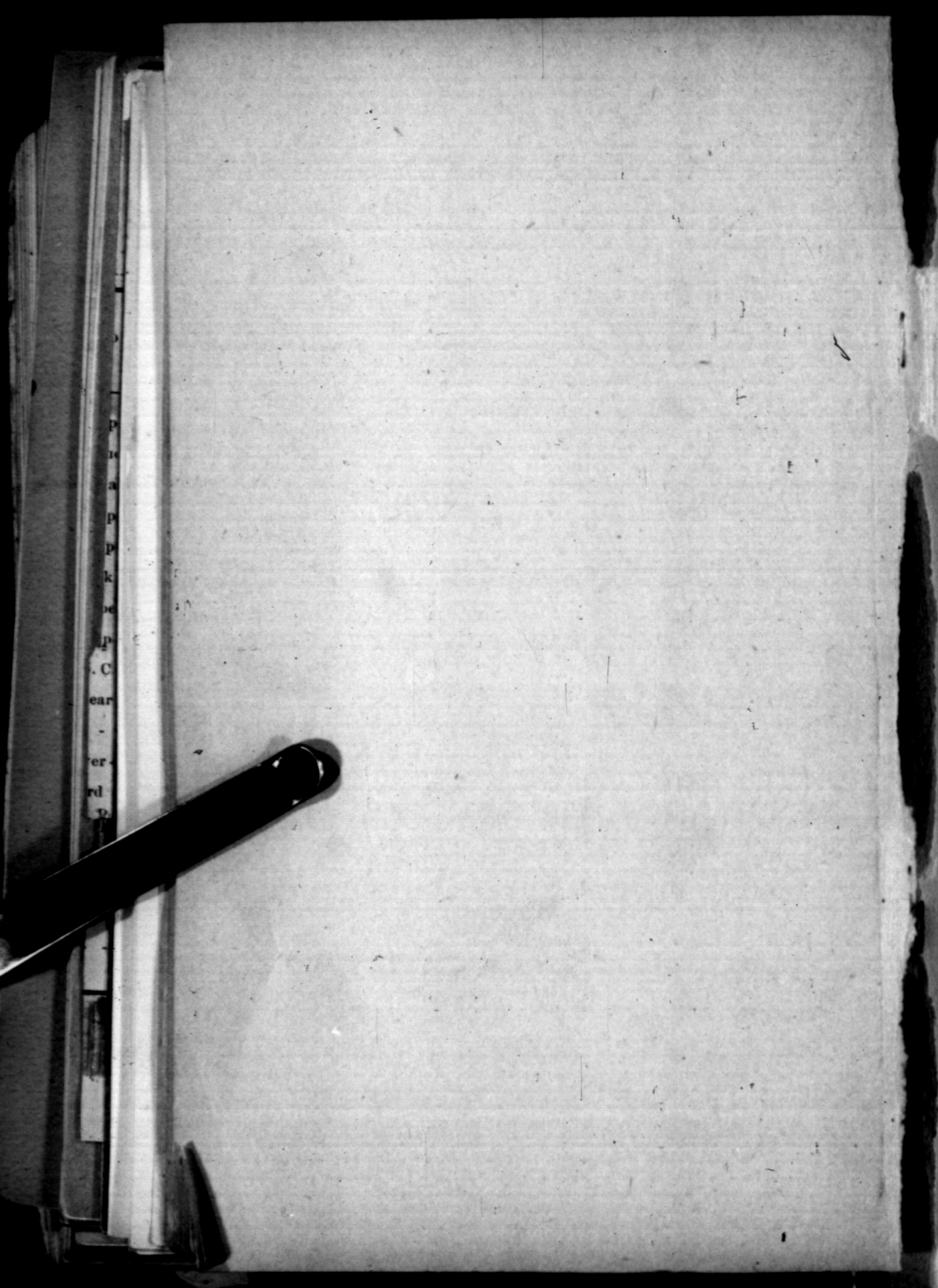
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NEXT SESSION

PLACE—New Hope Church, 10 Miles South West of Columbia
TIME—Saturday Before the Second Sunday in September, 1907
PREACHER—Rev. T. D. Cox
ALTERNATE—Rev. Bryan Simmons

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

OLOH, MISS., Sept. 8, 1906,

THE Eighty-Seventh Annual Session of the Pearl River Baptist Association met with Oloh Church, Saturday before the 2nd Lord's Day in September, at 10:30 A. M.

The Association was called to order by Rev. Bryan Simmons, the Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. T. Abbercrombie. The scripture lesson was the 15th Psalm.

Brethren R. R. Hathorn and N. R. Drummond were appointed reading clerks and the letters from the different churches were read. The clerk being absent, Rev. W. K. Red was appointed clerk pro tem.

Enrollment of Delegates.

ANTIOCH—L. J. Bullock, P. B. Ball.

BISMARCK—W. T. Holmes, G. M. Price.

CEDAR GROVE—W. B. Barnes, A. H. McDaniel, E. R. Applewhite.

CANEY—W. E. Smith, W. J. Cranmer.

COLUMBIA—Rev. Bryan Simmons, N. R. Drummond.

CHINA GROVE—H. S. Ginn.

GOOD HOPE—J. C. Martin, S. J. Robbins.

HOLLY SPRINGS—A. A. Beard, N. A. Smith.

MAGEE'S CREEK—H. D. Ellzey, A. A. Davis.

NEW HOPE—A. H. Powell, J. L. Slade.

OLOH—A. T. Abbercrombie, Silor Baggett.

PRINE SPRINGS—C. R. Breedon.

LITTLE RIVER—A. J. Ward, M. E. Polk.

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PROVIDENCE—B. F. Boyd, C. P. Alexander.
SHILOH—S. D. Pittman, R. H. Turnage.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Rev. Bryan Simmons, Moderator; N. R. Drummond, Clerk; E. R. Applewhite, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for and brethren J. C. Martin and S. J. Robbins came forward as delegates from Good Hope church to return their letter of dismission. The church was again received into the association.

The Associational Sermon was then called for and was preached by Rev. Bryan Simmons. He read a scripture lesson, Romans 12 and used as a text, Isaih 52:1.

The following messengers from other religious bodies were present and were recognized by the association: Rev. C. C. Gibson, Pastor M. E. Church, Oloh Circuit, W. I. Thames from Lebanon Association, F. L. Rawls, J. E. Davis and Rev. A. A. Bryant from Pearl Leaf Association.

The pastor and deacons of Oloh church were appointed as a devotional committee, E. R. Applewhite, C. R. Breedon and B. F. Boyd were appointed as a Finance Committee, W. I. Thames was appointed to prepare a report on Ministerial Education. The association then adjourned for dinner, and was dismissed by prayer by Rev. A. T. Abbercrombie.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Letters were again called for and those from New Hope and Antioch were read.

A letter of dismission was granted to Providence church to unite with Lawrence County Association. The association then began the consideration of reports.

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Reports.

Baptist Orphanage.

The following report on the Baptist Orphanage was read by M. E. Polk, it was discussed by M. E. Polk, W. I. Thames and Rev. Bryan Simmons and was adopted:

The Baptist Orphanage, which is under the auspices of Rev. J. R. Carter and wife and domiciled in the city of Jackson, deserves as much if not more consideration and attention at our hands than any other institution or cause which we, as a Baptist people, foster or support. We thank God for our Orphans Home. We are happy in the fact that each and every one may contribute to such a glorious cause. We rejoice in the thought that every Baptist can help to support and maintain such a home, which is a garden perennial, hallowed, sacred, golden spot where way-side flowers are planted, grow and bloom and seem to say "forget us not." Forget them? Not until a still small voice whispers to our souls, "Charity is not the greatest of them all." How blessed, how Christ-like to take the fatherless and motherless from the cold lap of the world to a well kept cozy home, where under the training and guidance of christian leadership, learning and love, they are qualified to travel over life's uneven pathways, and taught and dressed and made ready for the life to come. The Baptist Orphanage of the state is ours; ours to enlarge as we grow numerically, financially and spiritually; ours to support, maintain and enjoy. There are about 115 children in the home. We congratulate ourselves and thank God for what we have done, as an association in the past, and pray that the Baptists of Mississippi will never halt or tire in the work until every Orphan, who needs it, is provided with a home. We believe it is the

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duty of every pastor to explain to his people how necessary it is for them to support and maintain this institution in a most liberal way. We believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive and while our heavenly father hears the ravens when they cry, sees the sparrows when they fall and listen to the pitiful appeal of Orphans when they are homeless and without food and raiment, but we should never forget that we are the instruments in God's hand to give bread to the crying raven, to lift up the wing of the wounded sparrow, to clothe these poor little children who are sweet flowers that in earth's firmament may shine. God bless them, may they never go hungry and without shelter and may God give the Baptist of Mississippi such undying love for humanity, such ardent pride for country, such fervent devotion to God; that giving to the poor makes us many times blessed, gives us that peace which passeth all understanding and plants golden crowns, set with jewels and opals, upon our unhallowed heads which will grow brighter and fresher and more beautiful each day we live and which, when we are gathered to our father, will shine on and on in the sunlight, sheen of Jehovah's love throughout the ceaseless cycles of eternity.

We recommend that all our Sunday Schools be requested to contribute their first Sunday's collection of each month to the support of the orphanage and that all of our churches be requested to take a collection in November for its support.

M. E. POLK.

Sunday Schools.

The following report on Sunday Schools written by Rev. C. E. Bass was read by Rev. W. K. Red. It was discussed by Rev. W. K. Red, G. M. Price and Rev. Bryan Simmons. It was adopted after being amended:

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So many good things have been written and published in our minutes that, if they were put in practice, your committee would, indeed, have a pleasant task to report on Sunday Schools. Many recommendations have been made but have failed to enlist the people in this great work.

The statistical tables in our minutes of 1904 and 1905 show our Sunday Schools to be in a puny condition. Three churches each year reported no Sunday Schools. In this association there are 14 churches with 1785 members, the membership having increased 98 in a year. Eleven churches report Sunday Schools with only 550 scholars, an increase of 4 in a year. Outside of expenses 3 Sunday Schools contributed \$65.55, but nothing is reported from the other eight. Only two out of 14 churches have a Sunday School enrollment equal to their church membership. I repeat it, the Sunday Schools of the Pearl River Association are in a puny condition. It's all they can do to live. Some of them are starving to death for want of support from the churches. Over 1500 members of the churches in this association do not attend Sunday School; for only 550 scholars are reported and at the very highest estimate not more than 250 are church members while the remaining 300 are principally children.

Think of it! Out of 1785 church members only 250 attend Sunday School. It's a reproach on us! I tell you people of the Pearl River Association the majority of us don't believe in Sunday Schools. If we did, we would make more progress along this line. Certainly there is unlimited room for improvement.

I no longer wonder why we don't have Sunday School Conventions and Institutes. Our recommendations have been made to a people that care nothing about such things. Your present committee has no recommendation to make. All he would say is, Be

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ashamed of yourselves and do better.

C. E. BASS.

AMENDMENT—We recommend that a committee be appointed by the Moderator of this association to visit the churches of this association that have no Sunday Schools, to enlist them in the Sunday School work and where it is practicable to organize Sunday Schools. We also recommend that this committee arrange with Rev. J. E. Byrd to hold Sunday School Conventions in our borders sometime during the year.

Publication.

The report on Publication written by Rev. C. E. Bass was read by Rev. A. F. Davis. It was discussed by Rev. A. F. Davis, Rev. A. A. Bryant, M. E. Polk, Rev. W. K. Red and Rev. Bryan Simmons and adopted:

Certainly the report on publication is one of vital importance. There is not a character in the bounds of this association, but has in some degree been influenced by the literature found in our homes. Literature has much to do with the moulding of our children's characters. It enters into our conversations and becomes a part of us. Let me know what and how much you read, and I can tell you what you are and make a close guess at your activity. If you read secular papers altogether you will be worldly minded. If you read non-denominational papers altogether you will become loose in your belief. If you read just one line of denominational work you will become narrow in your views. If you are a true Mississippi Baptist and your eyes are open to the signs of the times, you will supply your homes with, 1st, a Bible for every member of your family that can read; 2nd, a Sunday School quarterly for each; 3rd, The Baptist Record, published at Jackson, Miss.; 4th, The Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va.; 5th, The Home

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Field, Atlanta, Ga.; 6th. The Orphanage Gem, Jackson, Miss. Have these in your homes and read them and carry out their teachings and your homes are safe. Leave off some of them and you fall short of denominational information and christian work, and your homes are in danger. Where do Mormons get a hold on the the people? Is it not where people are ignorant of the Bible and denominational work? When are our Baptist homes liable to be broken by other denominations? Is it not when we fail to lay proper stress on the study of God's word, and the reading of the above mentioned papers? If you are a Baptist, secure your home for the Baptist Denomination.

C. E. BASS.

Missions.

The report on Missions was read by Rev. Bryan Simmons. It was discussed by Rev. Bryan Simmons and Rev. W. K. Red. Further discussion was deferred until eleven o'clock Monday.

The committee on devotional exercises reported the following for Sunday: Sunday School mass meeting at ten o'clock to be conducted by W. I. Thames, preaching at eleven o'clock in Baptist church by Rev. A. V. Rowe if he be present, otherwise by Rev. A. F. Davis; in Methodist church by Rev. Bryan Simmons.

M. E. Polk, H. D. Ellzey, N. A. Smith, W. B. Barnes and A. T. Abbercrombie were appointed as a committee on nominations.

N. R. Drummond, Geo. Robertson and R. R. Hathorn were appointed as a Sunday School Committee. The association adjourned for the day with prayer by Rev. A. A. Bryant.

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SUNDAY.

The association met at ten o'clock and a Sunday School mass meeting was conducted by W. I. Thames, who made a very interesting talk on the importance of Sunday School work.

At eleven o'clock Rev. A. F. Davis preached in the Baptist church and Rev. Bryan Simmons in the Methodist church. At these services collections were taken for the Baptist Orphanage which amounted to \$28.99.

In the afternoon Rev. A. V. Rowe preached in the Baptist church and Rev. J. R. Carter in the Methodist church. Rev. A. A. Bryant preached at night. Rev. A. A. Bryant was appointed to write a report on Temperance.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. W. K. Red. In the absence of the clerk, the association accepted the suggestion of the moderator, that he be allowed to act as clerk and Bro. Red as moderator.

The minutes of former sessions were read and approved. The letters from the Ladies Missionary Societies were read. The association then proceeded on the hearing of reports.

Ministerial Education.

This report was written by Bro. Thames and read by the clerk. After discussion by Brethren Simmons, Rowe, Carter, Red and Abbercrombie it was adopted.

Education is the handmaiden of religion and is one of the strongest factors in making useful servants out of those who have accepted the religion of our Lord.

The country is alive today, as never before on educa-

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tional matters. The state is spending its thousands in training a better citizenship, towns and communities are building their high schools and colleges. Men of wealth are making large donations for establishing and endowing great institutions of learning.

The private citizen is looking after the education of his children in a way commensurate with its vital importance.

What does this all mean? It means that the preachers are more and more facing educated audiences. An educated people demands an educated pulpit. No preacher need expect long to entertain an audience who are his superiors educationally.

We honor the noble men of God who are doing such great work in the ministry, but the call now for more strong preachers is urgent.

It therefore behooves us to do all in our power to supply the increasing demand for an educated ministry. What are we doing now? During the last session of Mississippi College there were fifty-seven ministerial students, about three-fourths of whom received help from the Board of Ministerial Education. The total amount thus expended was \$2,042.77, or an average for each ministerial student of about \$36.

We note with pleasure that the Trustees of Mississippi College are enlarging the Bible work of Dr. Sproles who now has charge of this department.

It is earnestly urged that our churches contribute more liberally to this branch of our work.

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. THAMES.

Nominations.

The following report on Nominations was read and adopted:

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Your committee on Nominations recommend that this association convene in her next annual session with New Hope Baptist church, Marion county, Miss., about 10 miles South-west of Columbia, at 10 a. m., on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1907, and that Rev. T. D. Cox preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. Bryan Simmons be alternate.

We also nominate the following brethren as chairmen of the different committees:

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of New Hope church.

Sunday School—J. D. Thornhill.

Pastoral Support—A. T. Abbercrombie.

Temperance—T. D. Cox.

Ministerial Education—N. R. Drummond.

Missions—Bryan Simmons.

Publication—M. E. Polk.

Obituaries—W. B. Barnes.

Orphanage—A. H. McDaniel.

Mississippi College—R. R. Hathorn.

Discipline—R. Moss.

Womans Work—Bryan Simmons.

M. E. POLK,

A. T. ABBERCROMBIE,

W. B. BARNES,

H. C. ELLZEY,

N. A. SMITH.

Pastorial Support.

The report on Pastorial Support was submitted by Bro. George Robertson. Discussed by brethren Robertson, Abbercrombie, Rowe and Simmons and adopted.

There is doubtless more neglect of Christian duty along this line than in any other church work. We are told that they that preach the gospel shall live of the

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gospel and that the laborer is worthy of his hire. We believe that there is a larger per cent of the membership of the churches that have never been made to realize that they have a duty to perform to their pastor, but, they seem to think that there is no responsibility resting upon them in this direction, and all that they do is at their own option. We believe that it is as much the duty of the Christian to contribute to the support of the pastor as it is to pay any other honest debt.

We believe also that each member of our churches should be taught and be made to fully understand their duty to their pastor.

Each member virtually agrees when he or she unites with the church to contribute to the support of the ministry according to his or her ability; and if any one, who is not a pauper, willfully refuses to help in this work, we believe that such a member should be considered out of order and disciplined accordingly.

We believe that the pastor should not only have the temporal, but also the spiritual and social support of the churches. We can help the pastor greatly by entering heartily into sympathy with him in his work, spiritually and socially.

Respectfully submitted,
G. D. ROBERTSON.

Missions.

The time for the special order having arrived, Bro. Rowe continued the discussion on Missions, after which the report was adopted.

Missions is the work committed to our hands as Christians. It is the only thing we have to do, or in other words, Missions includes everything that is required of us as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our mission is to evangelize and its extent is "to every creature."

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However we have made the word to mean primarily, propagation of the gospel in destitute places beyond the limits of our own community. But this in no way changes the meaning of the word or relieves us of our responsibility. The field is the world, and it is all one; but Southern Baptists have divided the work into three great divisions—State, Home and Foreign, and it is the purpose of this report to present the matter from that standpoint.

A SURVEY OF THE FIELD.

Mississippi Baptists have been doing State Mission work in a systematic way for 33 years. Within this time more than 494 churches have been helped, 12490 converts have been baptized, while property interests that are the outgrowth of this work reach far beyond \$600,000.00. During the last convention year Mississippi Baptists contributed to State Missions \$28,194, 135 men were employed. These reported 535 baptisms, besides 1162 in meetings where these men labored,

Home Missions has to do with mission work within the bounds of the Southern States and Territories, Cuba and the Panama Canal Zone.

The work of the Home Mission Board is mainly co-operative. Linking hands with the State Boards it is able to do a work at the important points that could not be done by the respective states. 880 Missionaries have been supported wholly, or in part, by this board during the past year, and these report 15,436 baptisms on their fields during this time. In addition to supporting these Missionaries, much money has been spent in building and helping to build. \$176,705.92 was the amount raised and expended by us in this work during the past year.

Foreign Missions stands for what we are doing and also what we ought to be doing for Christ in heathen lands. The work is great and the seal of God's approval

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is upon it. This is revealed in the increased contributions by his children at home, and the progress of the work on the field. We have raised for that purpose this year \$315,248.48. 178 Missionaries, besides the native helpers, have been employed and these report 2,445 baptisms. In addition to this hundreds of heathen and pagan children have been schooled under Christian influences. Theological schools for the training of native preachers have accomplished much, while skilled Christian physicians have brought the benighted nearer the light through the healing of the body.

This is a brief survey of the work as it is today.

WHAT OF THE PROSPECTS?

They are indeed most flattering. As a whole the world is awakened to the realization of its need of a Saviour as never before and his people seem more ready to supply this need.

WHAT ARE THE NEEDS?

In every progressive enterprise something is always needed. So with the greatness of our work we are in need,

First, we need more workers. In our own state many important fields are practically idle for the lack of workers. The Home Board is appealing for more laborers while the cry from the foreign field as it comes from workers and natives alike is pitiable and heart rending. Come over and help us they cry. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he thrust forth more laborers into his harvest."

Second, We need more money. Not that Southern Baptists need to be richer than they are at present, but they need to turn more of their present wealth to God's service.

Mississippi is growing in population and this population is forming new towns in which the gospel needs

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to be carried. Millions of immigrants pouring into our country each year make it imperative that we rally to the Home Mission work if we would preserve our own rights and save those immigrants. Our Missionaries are falling under their burdens on the foreign field and money is needed to send men to their rescue. When we pray for more laborers let us do our part towards getting an answer to our prayer.

OUR PART.

So far our part in this part has been very meager. According to statistics this Association gave to Missions, during the last conventional year, \$657.05, or about 37 cents per member. What should our part be? A contribution from each member and as much from each as that one is able to contribute.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend, 1st, that on this matter God's word be studied more closely and preached more forcibly that it may be practiced more perfectly.

2nd, That a committee on Missions be appointed in each church whose duty it shall be to distribute Mission Literature and in other ways enliven interest in this subject.

3rd, That we arrange for more collections in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

BRYAN SIMMONS.

The Association adjourned one hour for dinner.
Prayer by Rev. J. R. Carter.

MONDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing "I Want to be a Worker" and prayer by Bro. Simmons, the Moderator announced that the

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Association was ready for business.

It was moved and carried that Bro. Rowe be heard on the subject of Sustentation. After his speech \$12.21 was raised for the support of our aged ministers and their wives.

Temperance.

The following report on Temperance was presented and after discussion was adopted:

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:

First, We believe in absolute prohibition of the dramshop and do not believe that Baptists or any other Christians have the right to make any compromise with such an infamous business or to give up the fight against it until every community has outlawed the liquor trade.

Second, We believe that the great needs of every community are the vigorous enforcement of the law to prohibit the disgraceful jug trade that is so prevalent in many places in our land.

Third, We need more temperance teaching in our homes, and more temperance discipline in our churches.

Let every private citizen stand by the officers who are inclined to enforce the law and vigorously push up those who are slack concerning this matter.

A. A. BRYANT.

Mississippi College.

Rev. Bryan Simmons offered his services to any church in the Association that would be willing to hear him on this subject. The following is the report:

Perhaps nothing in all our Southland is doing more for the right development of our citizenship than our

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Christian schools and colleges. We have them all over our state, but the best in the state, or in the south, is Mississippi College.

I desire to say in the first place that we should be proud of Mississippi College.

First, Because it is our college. We naturally take greater interest in the things we call our own. Every Baptist in Mississippi can feel complimented and say that Mississippi College is ours. We own and control it.

Second, Because of what she has done for our state, for other states, and even for the world. Her influences have broadened and reached out almost to the most remote parts of the earth, as a summer breeze to cheer, revise and to enlighten those coming under her peaceful touch.

Third, Because of what she is doing now. We believe that the character of work being done now is as good as in former years, and since the attendance is so much greater, so many more receiving instruction there, more is being done through the college than ever before. Her influence is multiplying and her usefulness enlarging.

Fourth, Because of what Mississippi College is to do and be. With the \$100,000 endowment now and with the \$100,000 worth of new buildings and improvements there is soon to be placed there, we will be prepared for better and enlarged work. Then more students can attend, more communities reached through them and therefore more good done.

Surely we ought to be and are proud of our Mississippi College.

In the next place let's have some reasons why we should patronize Mississippi College.

First, Because it is a Baptist College. We claim to be living under the influence of the pure gospel, and to hold reverently and courageously the doctrines of the

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Bible, and Mississippi College being a school owned and controlled by that people who act upon the principle of "A thus sayeth the Lord;" holds around her and in her such characteristics and influences as will mold and shape true Christian character. So skepticism is not likely to be known there.

Second, Because of the character of both teachers and students. The teachers are a band of self-sacrificing, noble Christian brethren. Having experienced some of the hardships incident to a life of limited means, they are in a position to sympathize with the poor struggling student who will prepare for a useful life despite adversity. Then the majority of the students of Mississippi College are possessed with such virtues as cause them to love and respect the fellow who is poor and struggling to get an education, as much as if he was the son of a wealthy father. They are fellow strugglers, friends and brothers in the cause of Christian character.

Third, We give as a third reason why we should support Mississippi College, is the Christian influence brought to bear on the students by the the citizens of Clinton. It is a kind of law there, seeming to permeate everything, that we must do right.

Because of this pressing influence many boys and girls leaving their homes without God and without hope in the world have been made to believe in Him, "who is able to save to the uttermost all who come to God by Him."

Brethren of the Pearl River Association, let us give Mississippi College our boys, our money and our prayers.

T. D. Cox.

Obituaries.

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

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We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following:

Seven of our members have been gathered home to their Father in Heaven. May God bless the families from whom they were taken.

E. R. APPLEWHITE.

Corresponding Messengers.

By a unanimous vote it was agreed that any member of the Association visiting another Association should present himself as a corresponding messenger.

The following brethren were chosen to represent us in the Baptist State Convention: G. M. Price, A. T. Abbercrombie, M. E. Polk, A. A. Davis and J. L. Bullock.

As delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention: B. Simmons, Alternate A. T. Abbercrombie and each church is requested to contribute at least \$2.50 towards expenses of this delegate.

Treasurer's Report.

The following report was read and adopted:

I have received the following: Home Missions, \$27.; Foreign Missions, \$103.70; State Missions, \$27.35; Ministerial Education, \$6.50; Associational Purposes, \$33.85; Orphanage, \$3.; Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, \$14.04; Total, \$197.40.

Of the amount contributed toward the expenses of the delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Holly Springs payed \$2.50; Antioch, \$2.50; New Hope, \$3.65; China Grove, \$2.54; Cedar Grove, \$2.85.

E. R. APPLEWHITE, Treas.

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Finance Committee.

The committee on Finance reported as follows:
We have examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct.

W. B. BARNES,
H. D. ELLZEY.

A hearty expression of thanks was voted to Oloh church and community for their gracious hospitality.

The Association instructed the Clerk to prepare and distribute a sufficient number of minutes, and to draw on the Treasurer for expenses and also \$15.00 as compensation for his services.

The Association adjourned to meet with New Hope Baptist church, Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1907.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again," Bro. W. K. Red led in a closing prayer.

B. SIMMONS, Moderator.
N. R. DRUMMOND, Clerk.

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Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of his sin to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin; hath by his most precious blood redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be everlasting.

On Gospel Order.

1. We believe a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given them-

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selves to the Lord, and to one another, in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body of the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith; to submit to the ordinances of the gospel, and themselves as members to the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of This Association.

1. This Association acknowledges that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs, and therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines, or tolerate immoral practices.

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2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches, to inquire into any difficulties between churches, and remove them, if possible, to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they deem it practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church or individual member to support them, or not support them, according to their own views of duty, and the dictates of their own conscience; and this right shall never be called in question in this Association, and any motion whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

5. Ministers of the gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person, or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and elect annually a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by laws and regulate their own proceedings in such manner as they may think expedient.

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Rules.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled "The Pearl River Baptist Association."
2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.
3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches; and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matter as the Association may direct.
4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present. Said Moderator and Clerk shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, till a new election takes place; and while in office shall discharge the duties of Moderator appertaining to those offices.
5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter, and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.
6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates, and no more until her number shall reach one hundred, and one delegate for every additional fifty members thereafter, until she may have four delegates and no more.
7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be to merely explain the meanings of the articles of faith of this Association.
8. Every motion made, in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member and shall be considered by the Association unless withdrawn by the mover before discussion.
9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.
10. If any proposition, or motion, under debate,

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contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate; cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but appeals from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition or motion, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken, and in case of a tie the motion is lost.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. Names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over whenever it is thought necessary.

20. Minutes shall be read carefully and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to embrace the previous reading and adoption of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

23. Immediately after the organization of the Association the rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration, or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Expenses	Contributions	SUPERINTENDENTS.
Antioch	7	63	2 50	2 10	*B. A. Summer
Bismark	6	30	6 00		G. M. Price
Cedar Grove	6	64	15 00	4 00	W. B. Barnes
Caney	3	50	5 00		F. B. Sones
Columbia	12	149	50 00	60 00	N. R. Drummond
China Grove	6	40	2 00	2 50	Noah Stringer
Good Hope					
Holly Springs					
Magee's Creek					
New Hope	5	44	4 20		J. D. Thornhill
Oloh	5	40			J. R. Lott
Prine Springs	1	20	1 20		William Lott
Little River	7	50	3 00		L. M. Cooper
Providence	5	20			A. J. Ward
Shiloh	8	62			C. F. Carney
	6	25	1 00		E. L. Williamson

*Deceased.

HOOLS.

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F. B. Sones
0 N. R. Drummond
0 Noah Stringer

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